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In the Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000, the Congress required MedPAC to call for individual Commissioner votes on each recommendation and to document the voting record in its report. The information below satisfies that mandate.

### Chapter 1: Context for Medicare payment policy

No recommendations

### Chapter 2: Assessing payment adequacy and updating payments in fee-for-service Medicare

No recommendations

### Chapter 3: Hospital inpatient and outpatient services

The Congress should increase payment rates for the acute care hospital inpatient and outpatient prospective payment systems in 2012 by 1 percent. The Congress should also require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make adjustments to inpatient payment rates in future years to fully recover all overpayments due to documentation and coding improvements.

*Yes:* Armstrong, Baicker, Behroozi, Berenson, Borman, Butler, Chernew, Dean, Hackbarth, Hansen, Kane, Kuhn, Miller, Naylor, Stuart, Uccello  
*Absent:* Castellanos

### Chapter 4: Physician and other health professional services

The Congress should update payments for physician fee schedule services in 2012 by 1 percent.

*Yes:* Armstrong, Baicker, Behroozi, Berenson, Borman, Butler, Chernew, Dean, Hackbarth, Hansen, Kane, Kuhn, Miller, Naylor, Stuart, Uccello  
*Absent:* Castellanos

## Chapter 5: Ambulatory surgical centers

The Congress should implement a 0.5 percent increase in payment rates for ambulatory surgical center services in calendar year 2012 concurrent with requiring ambulatory surgical centers to submit cost and quality data.

*Yes:* Armstrong, Baicker, Behroozi, Berenson, Borman, Butler, Chernew, Dean, Hackbarth, Hansen, Kane, Kuhn, Naylor, Stuart, Uccello  
*No:* Miller  
*Absent:* Castellanos

## Chapter 6: Outpatient dialysis services

The Congress should update the outpatient dialysis payment rate by 1 percent for calendar year 2012.

*Yes:* Armstrong, Baicker, Behroozi, Berenson, Borman, Butler, Chernew, Dean, Hackbarth, Hansen, Kane, Kuhn, Miller, Naylor, Stuart, Uccello  
*Absent:* Castellanos

## Chapter 7: Skilled nursing facility services

The Congress should eliminate the update to payment rates for skilled nursing facility services for fiscal year 2012.

*Yes:* Armstrong, Baicker, Behroozi, Berenson, Borman, Butler, Chernew, Dean, Hackbarth, Hansen, Kane, Kuhn, Miller, Naylor, Stuart, Uccello  
*Absent:* Castellanos

## Chapter 8: Home health services

**8-1** The Secretary, with the Office of Inspector General, should conduct medical review activities in counties that have aberrant home health utilization. The Secretary should implement the new authorities to suspend payment and the enrollment of new providers if they indicate significant fraud.

*Yes:* Armstrong, Baicker, Behroozi, Berenson, Borman, Butler, Chernew, Dean, Hackbarth, Hansen, Kane, Kuhn, Miller, Naylor, Stuart, Uccello  
*Absent:* Castellanos

**8-2** The Congress should direct the Secretary to begin a two-year rebasing of home health rates in 2013 and eliminate the market basket update for 2012.

*Yes:* Armstrong, Baicker, Behroozi, Berenson, Borman, Butler, Chernew, Dean, Hackbarth, Hansen, Kane, Kuhn, Miller, Naylor, Stuart, Uccello  
*Absent:* Castellanos

**8-3** The Secretary should revise the home health case-mix system to rely on patient characteristics to set payment for therapy and nontherapy services and should no longer use the number of therapy visits as a payment factor.

*Yes: Armstrong, Baicker, Behroozi, Berenson, Borman, Butler, Chernew, Dean, Hackbarth, Hansen, Kane, Kuhn, Miller, Naylor, Stuart, Uccello*

*Absent: Castellanos*

**8-4** The Congress should direct the Secretary to establish a per episode copay for home health episodes that are not preceded by hospitalization or post-acute care use.

*Yes: Armstrong, Baicker, Berenson, Borman, Butler, Chernew, Dean, Hackbarth, Hansen, Kane, Kuhn, Naylor, Uccello*

*No: Miller*

*Not voting: Behroozi, Stuart*

*Absent: Castellanos*

## **Chapter 9: Inpatient rehabilitation facility services**

The Congress should eliminate the update to the payment rates for inpatient rehabilitation facilities in fiscal year 2012.

*Yes: Armstrong, Baicker, Behroozi, Berenson, Borman, Butler, Chernew, Dean, Hackbarth, Hansen, Kane, Kuhn, Miller, Naylor, Stuart, Uccello*

*Absent: Castellanos*

## **Chapter 10: Long-term care hospital services**

The Secretary should eliminate the update to the payment rate for long-term care hospitals for rate year 2012.

*Yes: Armstrong, Baicker, Behroozi, Berenson, Borman, Butler, Chernew, Dean, Hackbarth, Kane, Kuhn, Miller, Naylor, Stuart, Uccello*

*Absent: Castellanos, Hansen*

## **Chapter 11: Hospice**

The Congress should update the payment rates for hospice for fiscal year 2012 by 1 percent.

*Yes: Armstrong, Baicker, Berenson, Borman, Butler, Chernew, Dean, Hackbarth, Kane, Kuhn, Miller, Naylor, Stuart, Uccello*

*Not voting: Behroozi*

*Absent: Castellanos, Hansen*

## **Chapter 12: The Medicare Advantage program: Status report**

No recommendations

## **Chapter 13: Status report on Part D**

No recommendations